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SUBJ: OUTER SPACE-AUSTRIAN RES

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1. AUSTRIAN DRAFT RES REFTEL PARALLELS TRADITIONAL SO-CALLED "OMNIBUS" RES GA HAS ADOPTED IN RECENT YEARS BY WHICH THE ASSEMBLY HAS APPROVED WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CHANGE RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS IN THE OUTER SPACE COMITE. TEXT THUS FOLLOWS CLOSELY LAST YEAR'S RES 2915.

2. AUSTRIAN DRAFT CONTAINS TWO PARAS RELATING TO POSSIBLE OSC ENLARGEMENT: (A) 7TH PREAMBULAR PARA ASSERTING BELIEF THAT "WIDER PARTICIPATION BY MEMBER STATES IN THE ACTIVITY OF THE UN MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE OBJECTIVES OF SUCH INCREASED INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS, AND NOTING THAT SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS WERE MADE DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE OSC WITH REGARD TO THE ENLARGEMENT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP"; AND (B) OPERATIVE PARA 23 BY WHICH THE GA WOULD REQUEST THE OSC "TO STUDY AND FORMULATE CONCRETE PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMITE AND REPORT TO THE GA AT ITS 29TH SESSION (1974)".

3. AS TO LEGAL SUBCOMITE AGENDA, AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL

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ACCURATELY PARALLELS OSC RECOMMENDATION THAT REGISTRATION

AND LUNAR EXPLORATION TREATIES BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY BY THE SUBCOMITE; WITH LEGAL ASPECTS OF DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES HAVING SECONDARY PRIORITY, AND, WITH IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRIORITY, LEGAL ASPECTS OF EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITES; FOLLOWED, FINALLY AND AS IN PAST YEARS WITH NO PRIORITY WHATEVER, BY OUTER SPACE BOUNDARY DELIMITATION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES IN THIS CONTEXT, PARA 6 OF AUSTRIAN TEXT INCORPORATED IN NEUTRAL MANNER 1972 GA DBS RES 2916 INTO OSC PROGRAM, AS FOLLOWS:
"AGREES WITH THE COMITE...THAT THE LEGAL SUBCOMITE SHOULD CONSIDER AT ITS NEXT SESSION (MAY 1974) THE QUESTION OF ELABORATING PRINCIPLES GOVERNING THE USE BY STATES OF ARTIFICIAL EARTH SATELLITES FOR DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTING WITH A VIEW TO CONCLUDING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 2916, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF THE RESULTS OF THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO MEET IN MARCH 1974...." AUSTRIAN ADVISER CHRISTIANI TOLD MISOFF SOVIETS HAD ASKED THWT AUSTRIANS NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE IN DRAFT AUSTRIAN RES ANY PROVISION ON DBS SINCE SOVS WOULD BE SUBMITTING SEPARATE RES THIS SUBJECT, BUT AUSTRIANS HAD CONSIDERED THIS TO BE UNDESIRABLE FROM WESTERN VIEWPOINT AND IGNORED REQUEST.

5. AUSTRIAN DRAFT ALSO CONTAINS DETAILED MATERIAL WITH REGARD TO WORK OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE, EARTH RESOURCE WORKING GROUP, AND UN'S WORK IN PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS FIELD WHICH, ON PRELIMINARY READING, SEEMS TO RAISE NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS.

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